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CRUIZING IN THE LAST WAR.

No. VI.

Once more upon the waters! yet once more!
And the waves bound beneath me as a steed
That knows his rider. Welcome to their roar!

Childe Harold.

CLAWING OFF A LEE-SHORE.

"The chiding billows seem to pelt the clouds."

Shakspeare.

The night was setting in cold and blustering, with every appearance of a storm. The day had been raw even for November, and rifts of ragged, gusty clouds, driving before a bleak northerly wind, had chased each other across the firmament, now hiding the sun in their thick folds, and now, as they burst apart, disclosing his cold disc to our eyes. The wind had kept up a constant moaning, such as can only be heard in the more wintry months, [illegible]

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this," and drawing his shaggy coat closer around him as the wind piped shrilly by, he was about turning below, when I caught his arm and pointing out to windward, exclaimed,

"Isn't that a light?—there—it has disappeared—now it flickers again—right over the beam."

"A sail—broad on the weather bow," at this instant came sailing hoarsely down from the look-out.

"Dead in our track," ejaculated the captain emphatically, "what can she be?"

"A sail close upon the weather beam," sung forth the look-out with startling earnestness, and before the tones of his voice had died upon the gale, he added in even louder tones, "another light more abeam—three sail in sight, sir."

"What are they?—how do they bear?—can you make them out?—hand me the glass," thundered my superior, leaping into the main rigging, and holding his hands above his eyes, as he peered through the mists to windward, where the shadowy outline of a sail was already to be seen; while farther up, a couple of lights dancing over the waters, betokened the presence of other vessels in that quarter. His rapid glance took in at once our situation. We knew none of our own cruisers were at that time in such force in this quarter. It only remained, therefore, to ascertain whether the strange sails were armed or not, in order to determine upon the course to be pursued. A few minutes of suspense followed, during which all on board were closely reconnoitering the foremost of the strangers. Nothing was heard but the creaking of the timbers, the dash of the waves, and the keen whistle of the wind, until the leader of the squadron had dashed down near enough to be made out in the gloom, when my superior himself muttered between his teeth as he turned inboard,

"A frigate—by the Harry!—we're in a very nest of the hornets. It is the English squadron—they've the weather guage too,—and worse than all, there's a lee-shore behind us."

"Can't we slip by them," I said, "they scarcely see us yet, let us put out our lights, and a half an hour will get us to windward of them, when they may whistle before they'll overhaul us."

"No, no," he answered impatiently, "the rascals see us already—look there," he added, as a shot came hurling down upon us, "we have nothing to do but to haul down our flag to these braggarts after all. No, by heaven," he added, after a moment's doubtful pause, while he was rapidly sweeping the horizon with his night-glass, "we'll try the mercy of the storm rather—quarter master up with your helm—jam it down like the deuce, sir—around there with every thing—merrily, merrily," he shouted, and before I could fully comprehend the daring resolve, we had wore round, filled before the gale, and were shooting like a meteor right down upon the coast. It still, however, lay far to leeward,—and our only hope was in distancing our pursuers before we had run too [illegible]

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From the New York Observer.

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How bitter must thy waters be,
O, death! How hard a thing, ah, me!
It is to die!
I mused—when to that stream again,
Another child of mortal man
With smiles drew nigh.
"'Tis the last pang," he calmly said—
"To me, O Death! thou hast no dread;
Saviour, I come!
Spread but thine arms on yonder shore—
I see!—ye waters, bear me o'er!
There is my home!"

From the Knickerbocker.

PELAYO AND THE MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER.

BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

It is the common lamentation of Spanish historiographers, that, for an obscure and melancholy space of time immediately succeeding the conquest of their country by the Moslems, its history is a mere wilderness of dubious facts, groundless fables, and rash exaggerations. Learned men, in cells and cloisters, have worn out their lives in vainly endeavoring to connect incongruous events, and to account for startling impossibilities, recorded of this period. The worthy Jesuit, Padre Abarca, declares that, for more than forty years, during which he had been employed in theological [illegible]

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GENERAL NEWS.

Secession or Massachusetts.—It appears from the Massachusetts Register for 1860, that in a population of about seven hundred and fifty thousand, we have 1250 religious societies, of which 338 are Congregationalist, 302 Baptist, 159 Methodist, 135 Unitarian, and 23 Episcopal. Of Physicians, 630 belong to the Massachusetts Medical Society. Of Counsellors and Attorneys the number is not less than 600. The Legislature consists of about 350 members. Of Representatives, 178 are Republicans, 66 Democrats, 46 Americans, 1 Whig, and 57 Independents. In Boston there are 62 Charitable Societies, and not less than 59 other public institutions, besides schools and academies.

A Shocking Murder.—On Saturday, the 11th ult. a girl named Phebe Floyd, was murdered by one of Mr. Tyre's family, in Davidson county, N. C. The circumstances were these. After she had been buried, suspicion of violence and ill usage grew so strong, that the corpse was disinterred and examined by a good medical gentleman in the presence of the jury and some fifty other persons. Whereupon the jury after hearing all the evidence adduced, reported a verdict of wilful murder against five of Mr. Tyre's family, all of whom are committed to jail, to await their trial at the next term of Davidson Superior Court.

Sale.—The American Silk Society will meet in Washington city on the 19th inst. Among other business it is expected that the Society will then offer the following premiums for the production of silk, viz: Five premiums of $1000 each; five of $500 each; fifty of $100 each; fifty of $50 each; and $10,000 in premiums on manufactured silks. All persons disposed to contribute to the premium fund are requested to address their favors to Gilbert R. Isherwood, Secretary of the American Silk Society, Baltimore.

Rail Road Accident.—On Thursday evening, as the Philadelphia cars were about leaving Rahway, one of the passengers attempted to step from one car to another, fell through, with his left leg across the rail—the after car passing over it and completely mangling the thigh. The limb was afterward cut off, but he died. His name was Patrick Noonan, he was one his way to Kansas, in Pennsylvania. He was about 35 years of age.

Child Burned Alive.—On Thursday, the 30th ult. an inquest was held at the house of Peter Murphy, in the 13th ward, Boston, on the body of Catharine Agnes Murphy, aged 22 months, who died in consequence of her clothes catching fire. On Wednesday morning the mother had occasion to leave her apartment, and left the deceased playing about. On her return, in a few minutes, the child was in flames.

Fire.—It is intended to bring in a resolution in Louisiana, to allow the truth of matter charged to be libellous, to be given in evidence in justification.

In this State the truth is a libel, and "the greater the truth, the greater the libel," is an axiom religiously adhered to in our courts of criminal jurisprudence.

Head men some.—Capt. Terrill, and his men of the schooner Improvement, exonerating themselves from any blame in not going to the relief of the passengers of the Lexington, say: "The burning vessel they supposed to be run on shore, and the intervening 17 miles were filled with ice."

Acquittal.—The trial of Judge Stryker, Geo. Jamieson, and White Seneca, at Buffalo, for obtaining $9000 from the Bank of Buffalo by false pretences, has resulted in an acquittal of all three. Mr. Stryker is first judge of the county; the other two are famous chiefs.

A Cheque in Law.—At Amherst, last week, the first Presbyterian Church, in that village, recovered a verdict of $7,666 66 against the Auburn and Syracuse Rail-road Company—the said road having obstructed over a corner of the land by hanging to the church.

Virtue is the Savage.—A married woman of the Shawnee Indians, made this beautiful reply to a man who asked her to put in the corner, and implored her to love and look on him:—"Oakaman, my husband," said she, "is ever before my eyes, and where can he be more than the 15th of January.

A Philadelphia Suit.—James Thompson, of Philadelphia, formerly an officer of the steamboat Zigarro, was shot through the breast on Wednesday last, by Mr. Bell, of Bellevue, Ill. by James C. Mitchell, merchant of that place. He died.

Dutchmen Drink.—A fire broke out in the house of Mr. Bernard, of Beaverdam, Ia. diana. A child had been left sleeping in the cradle, and before assistance arrived, the house was enveloped in flames, and the child burnt to death.

Literary Gazette, found the usual abbreviation, *London Lit. Gaz.* Asking the meaning of a friend, he replied—"It means that *London* is to *watch* gaz."

A Hard Winter.—Marriages have been unusually abundant all over the country. The New York Mercury says it is a sure sign of a hard winter.

Stealing Souls.—The brig *Emily* lying at Charles, a few days since, had her cabin robbed of between twelve and thirteen hundred dollars in specie.

A Wicked Youth.—The fire in Springfield, Conn. last week, which destroyed $10,000 worth of property, was kindled by a boy fourteen years of age.

U. S. Mints.—The militia of the United States now numbers 1,684,343 men. The force authorized by law is, 19,383; the present actual force is 3705.

Newspapers in New England.—The number of newspapers in New England in 1849. In Maine there are 43: in New Hampshire, 35; Connecticut, 30; Rhode Island, 15; Massachusetts, 160.

A Fatal Tactic.—Forty alligators were lost on the Wassaw rivers last year. Only forty-five lives lost, and thirty-nine of those were lost by bad steamboat bottom.

Arrival in Ayr.—The Grand Jury of Lancaster county, has found a bill against E. W. Middleton for an assault and battery with intent to kill James Cameron last November.

Alleviation.—A writer in Blackwood has given two articles with the following alliterative titles: "Desultory Dottings Down upon Dogs;" "Cursory Cogitations concerning Cats."

Murdered.—Francis G. Sallee, a Mexican, who had been for ten years residing in Richmond, Indiana, was found murdered in a grocery store there, on the night of the 17th.

Lost on the Ice.—Some gentlemen at Auburn, New York, caution the public against crossing the lake on the ice, especially "pulling himself" Nonsensical Reliance," &c.

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A New Work.—The life of Admiral Sir Sydney Smith, by the author of "Rattler the Reefer," has been published.

Fourth to Death.—A lad, aged 16, son of Mr. Davis, Young street, Toronto, was cut in a late sleigh race, and bled to death in a few minutes.

Interesting Letters.—John Caxton has been fined 200 dollars for embezzling letters from the United States mail.

Floods.—The inspection of flour in Baltimore for the week, ending on Thursday, amounted to 21,861 barrels, and 44 half barrels.

Little Queen Victoria was to have been entertained on Tuesday last, according to last accounts from England. She's right enough.

A Great Mail.—The ship South American sailed from New York on Monday, for Liverpool, with 14,000 letters.

A Bridge of Ice.—At the latest dates, Canada and Michigan were united by a bridge of ice.

FOREIGN NEWS.

By the arrival of the Packet Ship Henry, Capt. Delano, we have files of papers from the 25th ult. Liverpool papers and dispatches, due to the 25th from London, 26th from Liverpool, and 27th from Paris. The news is highly important.

In England, the Queen is positively to be married in February, for she cannot wait any longer. In France the Chambers are called together on the 29th inst. (yesterday), in consequence of the Algerine affairs, and the threatening aspect of all Europe. In the East, Russia is making immense naval preparations, and the British fleet are lying in wait to check.

We have the French King's speech on the opening of the Chambers, Dec. 23d. He says they are watching over the independence of the Ottoman Empire with Great Britain. The Mexican Government have fulfilled their treaty. French forces are sent to Buenos Ayres, to form that government into concurrence.

There is nothing new from China or the East Indies.

Great distress exists all over England and France.

Great Anti Corn Law meetings are taking place all over England.

The news of the dissolution of the two stocks slightly depressed, have recovered by this arrival, the Brilliant and the King William.

The fighting in French Africa continues, but with what success it is difficult to pronounce an opinion, as we have only one version of the engagements.

The money market is in a very disturbed state. Large failures have taken place in the woollen districts. Prices continue to fall and cotton is down 4 a ¼d. Money is so plenty on the Continent that it commands but 2 per cent. in Hamburg: silver is very plentiful in France. Specie is setting toward England with an increasing current. The bullion in the bank is estimated at £8,000,000. The crisis is past and money is more easily obtained. U. S. Bank stock sales were made at 71½. Rothschild's American loan commanded 2 per cent. premium.

Prince Albert will not return to England until the eve of his marriage with the young, and probably not until the very day before that fixed for the event.

The Queen wished Lord Melbourne to ask Parliament for a settlement of £100,000 a-year on Prince Albert. Melbourne told her he did not dare ask for so much; but he would ask the Duke of Wellington what he was prepared to be grateful, and the Duke replied £30,000.

Parliament.—The British parliament meets Jan. 16th, and the Queen's marriage and pin money are to be the first matters discussed.

Lord Ponsonby is to be recalled from Turkey, and Lord Dudley is to be his successor.

It is now finally arranged, that Lord Normanby, to be got rid of, is to succeed Lord Auckland as Governor General of India. The present belief in town is, that Parliament will be dissolved very soon after its first meeting.

The British Queen.—The British Queen arrived and landed her letters at Gravesend, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of the 25th Dec. Letters and passengers by her, were at Liverpool the morning of the 26th. Her long passage was caused by strong head winds, having her decks swept by a sea, &c.

The Queen encountered, among other storms, one severe hurricane which lasted seven days—she does not leave England until the 1st of March.

New Atlantic Steam Ship.—The United States intended as a companion to the Liverpool, the property of the Transatlantic Steam Ship Company, is nearly ready for launching. She will, it is stated, take her place in the line to New York, on the 20th of April.

Halifax Steamers.—Mr. Cunard's line of steam ships between Liverpool, Halifax and Boston, will commence running on the 1st of May. The steamers will keep up a communication, once a fortnight, between Europe and America.

The Queen's Marriage.—A grand Coronation was to be held on Christmas day at Merthyr Tydville, near the scene of the late riot. Collieres between the soldiers and the people were expected, and the Army-Corps Law Dodge.—Upward of $500 tickets are disposed of, for the great entertainment to be given on the 15th of January.

O'Connell is to be Chief Baron of the Irish Exchequer, with a salary of $100,000. The present Chief Baron receives $50,000.

Glasgow.—Within the last few weeks we have had in Glasgow alone, failures to the extent of between £200,000 and £300,000.

The ship Scotia, from Quebec to Glasgow, was wrecked; the crew and passengers, 24 in number, were all rescued by the Koecian.

The Mint and Gunter's Powder Mills upon Hounslow Heath have been blown up.

Suicide of an English young lady at Mount Vesuvius.—The daughter of an English banker, a rich heiress, named Miss Anne Wilkins, had thrown herself into the crater of Mount Vesuvius, on the 19th of December, in consequence of being crossed in love. The object of her attachment was a handsome Lieutenant, 19 years of age.

Late from China.

The ship Robert Fulton has arrived at New York, from China, having left Hong Kong on the 25th of September, a month and a half later than previous advices.

"The English had been driven from Canton and Macao, and the entire trade was in the hands of the Americans—they enjoyed a perfect monopoly. The ships transporting goods a distance of about eighty miles in Canton in their ships, six and eight dollars were paid per bale. There were about 1,684,343 men in the line; they appeared to be doing nothing. The Americans were in high favor with the Chinese, and every attention was paid to them. This is the universal report from all quarters. Formerly, when they had trouble with any inhabitant of Europe or America, every foreigner in Canton suffered until the difficulty was settled. Now, however, the hostile movement is turned exclusively toward the English.

"In Early in September, the English fired upon a Chinese city, named Cowlon, killing one or two unoffensive and several other inhabitants. The difficulties between the two nations ensued in Canton, and the opium trade was carried on with more success along the coast, under the British flag. Captain Elliott at one time declared all the Chinese ports under blockade, but afterward rescinded the order, the Americans having remonstrated."

Latest from Montevideo and Buenos Ayres.

—Buenos Ayres papers in the 15th of Nov. and Montevideo to the 12th, received at the office of the Journal of Commerce, speak of an insurrection having broken out in one of the Southern departments of the province. The insurgents, amounting to 1300, were completely routed by the government troops; about 250 were killed and 200 taken prisoners.

At the first intelligence of the revolution the French Admiral declared the ports of the Salinas, Salado, Buenos, and the upper coast of Patagonia, free from Blockade; but on the 12th, having received intelligence of the defeat of the revolutionists, he again declared the whole coast which had been removed would be again enforced, but that the blockade only extended southward to far the Cape San Antonio, and that the coast of Patagonia was left free for the flags of all nations. Articles of exports have fluctuated in prices to a wonderful degree, keeping pace with the various reports in circulation. On the 12th inst. hides were offered at 20a30 ch. the pounds; on the 13th they were first at 34 to 36 ch. and other produce in proportion to the above.

P. S. The small-pox, or Varioloid, which has been raging on board the U. S. ship Independence for the last month or six weeks, has subsided. The few cases that now exist are of very mild character. She has only lost one man with the disease, although at least one hundred of the crew have been attacked, several officers included, but none have been disfigured by it effects.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Com. Advertiser.

Revolution in Montevideo.—Unfortunate rupture of Peace.—Excursion of Colonists to Guenos Ayres.—Disturbances in Paraguay.—Affairs of Montevideo.—General state of Civil affairs in Buenos Ayres.

Montevideo, December 23.

I left Montevideo on the 15th inst. The notice which I gave you in my last, respecting the progress of revolution in that province, are, to general, too well confirmed.

The hopes that were generally entertained when I passed through the city a few weeks since, of a speedy termination of the civil war in the interior of the province, are now entirely abandoned. No one can say when it may terminate; but at present there is every reason to suppose that it will be carried to distance. A similar commotion in Paris lasted three years, and to this day, few years from its origin, there still exist remains of it in the distant regions of that vast province. The existing revolution of Rio Grande do Sul is now of upwards of four years standing, and is not yet near the decline. Such examples leave but a melancholy probability that the rebellion in Montevideo, which is at a short time but one month old, will be protracted

THE GEM.

THE WOMAN-HATER.

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LOVE FOR THE FARMER.